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## 16,309,310 CATHOLICS IN UNITED STATES

**Church Membership Increases  
By 3,846,517 in Ten Years—  
New York State in the  
Lead.**

According to the Official Catholic Directory for 1915, published and copyrighted by J. J. Kennedy & Sons, the Roman Catholic church in this country shows a gain of 241,325 members, making the Catholic population 16,309,310, a gain of 3,846,517 in ten years and 7,231,445, in twenty years.

The directory shows that there are 18,994 Catholic priests in the United States and 14,961 churches. Last year 310 new churches were dedicated. There are eighty-five seminaries, with 6,770 students, 229 colleges for boys and 680 academies for girls. The church maintains 248 orphan asylums and 5,488 parishes of 1,456,206 children.

New York is the banner Catholic state and New Jersey this year jumped from ninth to seventh place, passing Michigan and Wisconsin.

### Honors for O. R. Sellers.

Ovid R. Sellers, a student for the past three years in the McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, and who will graduate in May with the degree of Ph. D., has been awarded the most coveted prize given to the graduates of the Seminary. Besides being honored by the members of his class with the presidency, he has had conferred on him a fellowship in the Old Testament department of the University of Chicago, and by competitive examination and thesis on "Old Testament Hebrew," won the \$1,400 cash prize given by Mrs. Cyrus McCormick.

Lexington people are always glad to hear of the success of her young men in the various activities of life, and especially so when it comes through individual effort and without the semblance of pull or favoritism.

There can be no gainsaying the fact that scholastic honors come only to the deserving. It is a field apart from any other and without the strictest application can one hope to win the coveted honors which are so eagerly sought for by the hundreds of ambitious young men in our schools and colleges.

"Brick," as he is familiarly known, has done well, but no better than his many friends here anticipated. He is singularly endowed with a clean, clear active mind; studiously inclined, and ambitious to make the most of every opportunity. His reward is a natural sequence to his applicability to the work coupled with the determination to master whatever may be prescribed in the course.

The Intelligencer force, from the editor to the devil, over whom he once ruled, extend congratulations, and best wishes for the success of whatever work he may undertake.

### A Pleasing Entertainment.

The All Brothers Quartette gave a very pleasant performance at Murrell Hall, Central College, Thursday evening. The program was varied, and apparently met the approval of the large audience present. Besides their singing, the men carried a set of chimes, and a quartette of horns.

There is one more entertainment in the Lyceum course to be given this year.

### News From Jeff.

The House has after a big fight passed the bill creating a State Dairy Bureau.

One of the real meritorious laws likely to pass is that of creating a tuberculosis camp at Mt. Vernon.

An amendment eliminating the single tax proposition at elections will be submitted to the voters at the next election. If adopted by the voters the matter cannot be submitted in any form.

The bill prohibiting newspapers from printing false advertisements was passed by the House. The punishment fixed is a fine from \$25 to \$500 or by imprisonment in jail not more than 90 days.

The citizenship of Lafayette County I know will join me in commending Hon. N. M. Houx on the unsurpassed and most acceptable record he has made for himself in watching the interests not only of the people of Lafayette County, but also the people of the entire state during his six years as member of the Legislature. For three terms, although he tried to beg off, the democracy of Lafayette County has forced this honor upon him and each time elected him without opposition. His record is the best and without taint, having at all times had the manhood and courage to oppose every move and measure detrimental to the taxpayers' interests. The last night of the present session I was proud of my home people in publicly presenting Mr. Houx a remembrance in token of their appreciation of his good work and acceptable services as a representative of the people. The present was a handsome, costly gold-headed umbrella, beautifully carved, while an admiring friend sent a huge bundle of Missouri meerschaums and "old hillside." John Gordon made the presentation speech, Mr. Houx feelingly responding. As I have said before, not only has Representative Houx to his credit the enactment of possibly the best and most important laws on the statutes, but also the killing of much vicious and bad legislation. He is scrupulously honest and will win other laurels in the political arena, and, that too, unsought on his part. Worth and deservedness will demand such recognition.

The house has passed a stringent bill as to bootlegging in Local Option territory. The penalty for first offence is a fine of \$150 and subsequent offences a penitentiary term.

The bill increasing county recorders fees was killed so dead it will never again come before any legislature.

This item is for the taxpayers to lay away for reference in next year's campaign. At the beginning of this session the republican representatives started yelling, "the democratic state officials have wasted and squandered the people's money." Accordingly, Wm. R. Wilder, republican representative from Ste. Genevieve county, introduced a resolution demanding the "books of the state officials be audited." The democrats called his hand and proceeded by asking for an audit of the books as demanded by the republicans. A special constitutional convention shall committee was named, and asked that \$10,000 be appropriated to pay the expenses thereof. Expert accountants were employed

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## M. U. DEAN TO PRESIDE AT JOURNALISM WEEK

Walter Williams, Who Studied World's Newspapers, Will Introduce the Editors.

A man who went around the world studying newspapers and newspaper men is to preside over the Missouri editors during Journalism Week, at the University of Missouri, May 3 to 7, inclusive. He is Walter Williams, dean of the School of Journalism, at the University of Missouri, at Columbia.

Big things are planned for Missouri editors at Columbia. A Missouri Writers' Guild will be organized during the week and a dinner is planned for the members. The commercial club will give a banquet for the visiting journalists Friday night, May 7. Girl students of the School of Journalism will give teas and receptions for the women. An automobile trip will be taken by the editors, and they will be guests at a baseball game between the University of Missouri team and another college team.

Church journalism will be represented on the program. The Rev. Father D. S. Phelan, editor of the Western Watchman, will speak on "Fifty Years of Church Journalism." Other editors of religious papers will be asked to speak on this phase of journalism.

The editor of the small newspaper, weekly or daily, will find a great many things to interest him. E. K. Whiting, Owatonna Minn., will give a series of four lectures on "Cost of Advertising in Country Daily and Weekly Newspapers," "Cost Finding in Printing Offices," "Accounting Methods in Newspaper and Job Printing Offices," and "The Efficient Printing Plant."

George B. Dealy, manager of the Dallas and Galveston News, will speak on "The Newspaper, Its Revenue and Its Politics." John Clyde Oswald, editor of the American Printer of New York on "The Making of a Newspaper" and an illustrated night lecture on "Benjamin Franklin." John A. Schleicher, editor of Leslie's Weekly, on "Delusions Affecting the Press and Public." Fred R. Barkhurst, managing editor of the St. Joseph Gazette, on "What the City Paper Expects of its Editorial Writers." W. E. Williams of the Kansas City Journal, on "The Reporter in the City." Ramsey Benson, magazine writer of Wishart, Mo., formerly a Minneapolis newspaper man, on "Humor in the Newspaper." A. B. Chapin of the St. Louis Republic, on "A Picture Talk." Betty Boyd of the Republic on "City Journalism as a Field for Women."

B. F. Bradley, general manager of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, will talk on "The Making of a Metropolitan Journal." Karl Walter of the Kansas City Star will speak on "Dramatic Criticism," and Robertus Love of the St. Louis Republic on "Newspaper Poetry."

More than 300 visitors, from all parts of Missouri and other states, are expected to attend.

The Young Men's Club of the Christian Church met at the home of John Warder Monday evening in regular session. After a short business meeting at which time the names of three new members were placed on the roll book, the meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served. All members present report a very enjoyable time.

## The Pre-Easter Display of Wooltex Styles EASTER SUNDAY

*The day above all others when refined, becoming clothes are most appreciated.*

*The spring-day of fashion, when we doff the somber colors of winter.*

*There is a charm and becoming beauty about these new spring*

## Wooltex Tailored Coats And Suits

*that make them so desirable for Easter Sunday, as well as for every other day of the spring season.*

*Materials of carefully tested quality, and tailoring of the highest character support the beautiful, correct style of all Wooltex tailored garments.*

*And with all their superiority, Wooltex garments cost no more than ordinary ready-to-wear apparel, made in the ordinary way.*

*Select your coat or suit now and have it ready for Easter Sunday.*

**Coats at \$16.50 to \$25.00 Suits at \$20.00 to \$35.00**

## Lexington Mercantile Co.

### Wilcoxon Installs New Machinery.

C. H. Wilcoxon has recently added to his finely equipped cleaning and drying establishment three new electric machines, which are in advance of anything ever before used in Lexington. One is a glove finisher. That is, after the gloves have been thoroughly cleaned, they are given to this machine and the result is a glove as good as new. Another is a vacuum cleaner and is used for removing the dirt from the pockets (and money). The third is a spot remover, and is such an improvement over any other method that Cinnie is quoted as saying that, those on the moon are not beyond its powers.

### Runaways Caught.

Edith Gray, age 15, daughter of Emmet Gray, and Elsie Mallory, age 14, daughter of J. T. Mallory, two young girls who took French leave from their homes in Lexington Tuesday night, were apprehended Thursday evening, headed westward, near the McGrew mines. Deputy Sheriffs Waddell and McDowell walked to Wellington in quest of the departed, but saw nothing of them until on their return trip. When first sighted the two girls took to their heels and only by throwing in the "high" were the deputies able to overtake them. The girls were returned to their respective homes.

### First Rehearsal a Success.

The Goose Pond minstrel troupe had their first rehearsal Wednesday night preparatory to the jubilee performance in April. This performance will surpass anything ever before attempted by a minstrel troupe in Lexington. It will be new throughout, even to the cork.

### College Street Improvements.

A street improvement in Lexington which has long been hoped for but held in abeyance for a very good reason, bids fair to be realized early this summer. The condition of College street has for a long time been subject to much unfavorable comment. The street is in a very bad condition, but owing to the fact that a sewer was the actual need, it was considered impracticable to spend any money to improve it until a sewer was put down. This is about to be realized. A canvas of the resident property owners is being made and all those thus far approached are in favor of the sewer. This will relieve an almost intolerable condition in that part of the city and pave the way for other necessary improvements in keeping with general conditions throughout the city.

Monday being the tenth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wilcoxon, fourteen of their friends assembled that night and gave them a surprise. They took with them beautiful presents of cut glass together with congratulations and best wishes for a continued happy and prosperous wedded life.

### Death of Mrs. Susie J. Taylor.

Word was received here Wednesday of the death of Mrs. Susie J. Taylor at St. Joseph, Mo. Mrs. Taylor is the daughter of Mrs. Mollie Holliday of this city. She was 33 years of age at the time of her death. Besides her mother, she is survived by one daughter, Miss Jeannette Taylor, also of this city. The body was brought here last night and taken to the home of Thomas Harney at 2016 South street. The funeral will be held today at 2:30 o'clock.

### Dr. McGill Located Here.

Dr. Earl D. McGill of Denver, Colorado, was in Lexington Monday and completed arrangements to make his home here and practice his profession. He will be associated with Dr. Cannon with offices in the Seiter building. Dr. McGill comes highly recommended as a physician and surgeon, and no doubt will gain an early recognition among the people of Lexington and vicinity.

B. Silverman, proprietor of the "Save More" Mercantile Store, moved to Richmond Tuesday with his stock of merchandise.



### LEXINGTON INTELLIGENCER TICKET

Two (2) of these tickets when presented at Premium Parlor on the balcony in the Lexington Mercantile Company's Store, are good for one (1) "S. & H." Green Trading Stamp.

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